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SUBJ: GENEVA GROUP MEETING JULY 24

1. GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) REACHED AGREEMENT JULY 24 THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING WOULD NOT BE CONVENED IN NEW YORK THIS AUTUMN. ONLY JAPAN AND THE NETHERLANDS ARGUED VIGOROUSLY FOR A THIRD EXTRAORDINARY MEETING, BUT BOTH ACCOMMODATED TO THE MAJORITY VIEW.

2. CO-CHAIRMEN REPORTED ON CONSULTATION WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR CONCERNING POSSIBLE INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION FRENCH-ENGLISH AT FUTURE CONSULTATIVE LEVEL OR SPECIAL MEETINGS. FRENCH AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED FRANCE WAS PREPARED TO PAY FOR SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION AT THE 1979 CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING (AT ESTIMATED COST OF SF 4,000), AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT OTHER FRANCOPHONE MEMBERS MIGHT SHARE COSTS AT SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS. BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE THEREUPON QUESTIONED WHY FRANCOPHONE MEMBERS SHOULD BE SADDLED ALONE WITH THE INTERPRETING COSTS, AND CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE  
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(POINTEDLY SPEAKING IN FRENCH) SUGGESTED THE INTERPRETATION QUESTION AND ITS FINANCING SHOULD BE REFLECTED UPON FURTHER AND TAKEN UP AGAIN AT THE NEXT GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) MEETING.

3. IT WAS AGREED THE GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) WOULD MEET NEXT ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, AND CO-CHAIRMEN WOULD

CONSULT WITH OTHERS IN THE INTERIM TO ORGANIZE AGENDA.  
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